



MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Robert Munger, RCRA Unit *RLM*  
SUBJECT: 16304538 -- St. Clair County -- East St. Louis/Wastex #2

Responsibility for reviewing special waste stream permit applications for Wastex Research, Inc. has recently shifted from the RCRA Unit to the Disposal Alternatives Unit. This memorandum summarizes my experience with Wastex.

Wastex is permitted by the Agency to blend hazardous waste into a fuel used by asphalt manufacturers, and store waste prior to blending. Wastex also has permits to store waste from Trade Waste Incineration, Inc., while the incinerator is being moved. These wastes are in a separate building and will be removed when Trade Waste Incineration starts operation on their new site.

Besides the waste from Trade Waste Incineration, the only waste on-site not involved in the fuel blending program is the inventory remaining from the time when Jack Chase was operating the facility. The exact identity of these wastes and their origin is not known. A condition to supplemental permit No. 1981-54-OP requires that the inventory of these drums be reduced by 500 drums each month. Lately, the rate of drum removal has been less than this. However, in the months immediately following the issue of 1981-54-OP the drum removal rate was much greater than 500 drums/month. We have decided to take no action until the average rate of inventory reduction since 1981-54-OP was granted, falls below 500 drums per month.

The Agency recently granted 3 permits to modify development:

1982-135 allows for the development of a PCB storage area, 1983-5 allows the development of a fixation/solidification process, and 1982-143 allows the development of two stripper stills.

These permits allow for development only. No accumulation of wastes destined for these processes should be allowed until the operating permits are issued.

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